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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An air supply assembly comprising:  
a resonator component including a hose opening ~~and a tube opening~~;  
a hose inserted into said hose opening ~~of said resonator component~~; and  
a tube ~~inserted into said tube opening of said resonator component, said tube including a tapered end, said tapered end inserted within said hose to seal and retain said hose against said hose opening of said resonator component.~~
  2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The air supply assembly as recited in claim 1 wherein said ~~hose includes an interior surface of said hose including~~ having an angled inclined portion.
  3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The air supply assembly as recited in claim 2 wherein said tapered end of said tube slides along said angled inclined portion of said hose, during insertion of said tube within said hose.
  4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The air supply assembly as recited in claim 1 wherein said tube includes a retention end ~~opposite to said tapered end, and to secure said tube to an air cleaner component is attached to said retention end of said tube.~~
  5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The air supply assembly as recited in claim 4-1 wherein said tube includes a retention end ~~includes opposite to said tapered end and said retention end includes a recessed portion positioned between a pair of tabs/flanges.~~
  6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The air supply assembly as recited in claim 5 wherein a neck of said tube opening of said resonator component substantially engages said recessed portion of said tube to secure said tube to said resonator component.

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7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The air supply assembly as recited in claim 4-1 wherein ~~said hose retention end of said rubber tube substantially connects~~ is connected to an intake manifold component.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The air supply assembly as recited in claim 1 wherein ~~further including a plurality of protrusions on an exterior surface of said hose to assist in sealing~~ said hose against said hose opening.

9. (ORIGINAL) The air supply assembly as recited in claim 1 wherein said hose further includes an interior hose projection which substantially contacts an inner surface of said resonator component and secures said hose to said resonator component.

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10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The air supply assembly as recited in claim 9 herein said hose further includes an exterior hose projection which ~~substantially contacts~~ engages an outer surface of said resonator component ~~to secure said hose to said resonator component.~~

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The air supply assembly as recited in claim 1 wherein said tube includes a plurality of openings ~~to that~~ communicate an interior of said tube into a resonator chamber ~~of said resonator component.~~

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An air supply assembly comprising:  
a resonator component including a hose opening ~~and a tube opening~~;  
an air cleaner component;  
an intake manifold component;  
a hose inserted into said hose opening ~~of said resonator component~~; and  
a tube inserted into said tube opening ~~of said resonator component~~, said tube including a tapered end, ~~said tapered end inserted within said hose to seal and retain said hose against said hose opening.~~

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13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The air supply assembly as recited in claim 12 wherein said ~~hose includes an interior surface of said hose including having an angled inclined portion.~~

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The air supply assembly as recited in claim 13 wherein said tapered end of said tube slides along said ~~angled inclined~~ portion of said hose during insertion of said tube within said hose.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The air supply assembly as recited in claim 12 wherein said tube includes a retention end ~~opposite to said tapered end, and to secure said tube to said air cleaner component is attached to said retention end of said tube.~~

Ar 16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The air supply assembly as recited in claim ~~15~~ 12 wherein said tube includes a retention end ~~opposite to said tapered end and said retention end includes a recessed portion positioned between a pair of flanges.~~

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The air supply assembly as recited in claim 16 wherein a ~~neck of said tube~~ opening of said resonator component ~~substantially engages~~ said recessed portion of said tube to secure said tube to said resonator ~~component.~~

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The air supply assembly as recited in claim 12 wherein ~~further including a plurality of protrusions on an exterior surface of said hose to assist in sealing~~ said hose against said hose opening.

19. (ORIGINAL) The air supply assembly as recited in claim 12 wherein said hose further includes an interior hose projection which substantially contacts an inner surface of said resonator component and secures said hose to said resonator component.

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20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The air supply assembly as recited in claim 12 wherein said tube includes a plurality of openings to that communicate an interior of said tube into a resonator chamber of said resonator component.

21. (NEW) An air supply assembly comprising:  
a resonator component including a hose opening;  
a hose inserted into said hose opening, said hose including a plurality of protrusions on an exterior surface of said hose that assists in sealing said hose against said hose opening; and  
a tube including a tapered end, and said tapered end is inserted within said hose to seal and retain said hose against said hose opening.

22. (NEW) An air supply assembly comprising:  
a resonator component including a hose opening;  
a hose inserted into said hose opening, said hose including an interior hose projection which engages an inner surface of said resonator component to secure said hose to said resonator component; and  
a tube including a tapered end, said tapered end inserted within said hose to seal and retain said hose against said hose opening.

23. (NEW) An air supply assembly comprising:  
a resonator component including a hose opening;  
an air cleaner component;  
an intake manifold component;  
a hose inserted into said hose opening, said hose including a plurality of protrusions on an exterior surface of said hose that assists in scaling said hose against said hose opening; and  
a tube including a tapered end, said tapered end inserted within said hose to seal and retain said hose against said hose opening.

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24. (NEW) An air supply assembly comprising:

a resonator component including a hose opening;

an air cleaner component;

an intake manifold component;

a hose inserted into said hose opening, said hose including an interior hose projection which engages an inner surface of said resonator component to secure said hose to said resonator component; and

a tube including a tapered end, and said tapered end is inserted within said hose to seal and retain said hose against said hose opening.

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